

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 has been canceled.

Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-7 have been allowed. In the November 16, 2007 Office Action, the Patent Office has allowed previously rejected claims 1-3 and 6-7 in view of the amendments and arguments presented in the Applicant's paper filed August 27, 2007. The Patent Office also allowed previously withdrawn claims 4 and 5. The status indicators for these claims has been changed from "withdrawn" to "original" to reflect that these claims have been added back into the present application and allowed by the Patent Office.

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,595,525 to Schmidt ("Schmidt"). As provided above, Applicant has canceled claim 8 in the present application without prejudice to pursue this claim in a continuation application. Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 8 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim and that the present application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4821.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to

grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4821.

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